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Lisbonne, November 20.

THe 14th Instant was Published here an *Auto de Fe*, which will be kept the 26 in the Church of the Dominicans, when the Criminals that are in the Prisons of the Inquisition will receive their Sentences. The Sieur *de St. Romain*, Ambassador Extraordinary from *France*, had the last week a private Audience of the King; He then acquainted his Majesty with the Choice the King his Master hath made of the Sieur *d'Amelot* to succeed him as his Ambassador at this Court; The Marquis *de Torcy* Envoy Extraordinary from his Most Christian Majesty, will part from hence the next week on his return to *France*. The Fleet from the Bay of *All-Saints* consisting in 18 Merchant Ships richly laden, arrived here the latter end of the last month. And this week came into this Port 20 Merchant Ships laden with Sugar and Tobacco from *Fernambuque*; But as yet we have no news of the Fleet from the *Rio. Janeyro*. A Vessel which lately arrived here from *Goa*, brought Letters from Don *Francisco de Tauora* Vice-Roy of the *Indies*, written at *Goa* the 22. of *January* last; They give an account, That the War continuing between Sultan *Aureng Zeb*, Emperor of the Mogols and the Prince his Eldest Son, the *Raja Sevagi*, a neighboring Prince who takes the part of the Young Prince, after committing divers Hostilities upon the Portuguese, for that they had given passage through their Territories to the Forces of *Aureng Zeb*, advanced with a great Army and besieged *Goa*, which put the Inhabitants of that City into great disorder, the Viceroy (who was gone with several Vessels to succor *Cochim* which was threatned with a Siege) being not only absent but greatest part of the Garison being drawn out to secure those places that lay most exposed to the Enemy; So that all the Inhabitants of *Goa*, that were capable of it, and even the Clergy were obliged to bear Arms; The Portuguese gave notice to *Aureng Zeb* of the danger they were in, and prayed him that he would assist them according to the Treaties of Alliance they had with him; The Sultan thereupon sent immediately orders to his second Son to oppose the Enterprises of the *Raja*; And accordingly this young Prince advanced with an Army of an Hundred thousand Foot, Fourscore thousand Horse, 500 Elephants, and 18000 Camels, besides a vast number of Horses and Oxen for Carriage, and a very good Train of Artillery under the command of an Englishman; This great Army marched along the Sea Coast, being followed with a great number of Vessels to supply them with Provisions and Ammunition; But the *Raja Sevagi* being informed of the march of the Mogols, and the Besieged on the other side making a very brave resistance, presently raised the Siege, and in his retreat, which was with much disorder, destroyed all the Country about *Goa*, which had caused there a great scarcity of all sorts of Provisions. The day before these Letters were written, an Ambassador arrived at *Goa* from the Prince who commanded the Army of the Mogols, to assure the Viceroy that the Sultan *Aureng Zeb* would be always ready to assist the Portuguese against their Enemies; And the Viceroy was sending Don *Joam Antunez*, Governor of the Isles of *Solor* and *Timor*, his Ambassador to the said Prince. The Fleet of the Mogols was likewise arrived at *Goa*.

Naples, November 28. The Popes Gallies are still detained by the bad weather at *Pozzole*, having as we are informed a great many sick Men on board them. Our Viceroy has prohibited under very great penalties, the Exportation of Corn, of which there is no great plenty in this Kingdom; Commissions have been given out here to raise some new Troops, for the Service of the State of *Milan*.

Rome, December 5. The Pope has been for several days very much afflicted with the Gout; which is the reason that the Marquis *Brignole*, Envoy Extraordinary from the Republick of *Genoua*, has not yet had Audience of his Holiness. It is said at Court that the Pope to satisfie the Most Christian King has given Orders, that the Printer who was lately seized within the French Ambassadors quarter, shall be set at liberty. The Duke *de Giovinazzo*, is preparing for his departure from hence for *Naples*, from whence he intends to go for *Spain* by Sea. The Pope has given the Republick of *Venice*, leave to buy a great quantity of Corn within the Ecclesiastical Territories. We do not yet hear that the Pope has any thoughts of making a Promotion of Cardinals, so there, are at present twenty three Vacancies; It is said the King of *Poland* desires a Cap for Prince Alexander his second Son.

Venice, December 9. It was very confidently reported the last week that Signior *Molino* was come with the Squadron of Men of War under his command to *Zant*; But by a Vessel which arrived here two days since from those parts we find it to be a mistake, but the loss of two of his Ships of above 60 Guns apiece is confirmed. Several of the Nobility that served as Voluntiers in the Fleet this Summer, are returned hither, the Campagne being ended; and Captain-General *Morosini* is very suddenly expected. The Letters from *Dalmatia* tell us that the Proveditore-General *Valier* and the Prince of *Parma* were marching with an Army of 18 or 20000 Men towards *Narenta*, but that it was not known what their design was. The Sieur *d'Amelot* Ambassador from *France*, was the last week in the College to Complement them in the Name of the

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